

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 541 – HB 990

March 29, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Relieves a parent, guardian or other legal custodian from the duty to ensure any child in their care aged 6 to 17 attends school, if they are enrolled and making satisfactory educational progress in a High School Equivalency Test (HiSET®) program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, HiSET® courses for underage students are reserved exclusively for 17 year olds and emancipated 16 year olds.
- No change in the number of students aged 16 and 17 that decide to pursue an alternative to a standard high school diploma.
- The fiscal impact of removing the duty of ensuring 16 and 17 year old students are attending school when they are taking a HiSET® course is estimated to be not significant on state and local government.
- It is assumed that students between the ages of 6 through 15 will not be able to participate in a HiSET program. As a result, no fiscal impact to state or local government relative to this age group of students.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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